(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) No Sir. In our bilateral dialogues with key interlocutors, the Government is seeking, not through a process of linkage, but through the process of developing a better understanding of India's concerns and policies of restraint, the removal of restrictive measures.

Government's policy on Sri Lankan issue

548. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the policy of Government in dealing with the Sri Lankan issue;

(b) what were the proposals forwarded by Government of Sri Lanka; and

(c) whether Government have taken an international initiative to make our stand convincible over the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The Government of India has consistently adhered to a policy involving a three-fold commitment:

(a) to the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Sri Lanka;

(b) to the restoration of lasting peace in Sri Lanka;

(c) to a peaceful, political process being the only means of achieving a lasting peace, through a negotiated settlement which would meet the aspiration of all communities.

(b) The Sri Lankan Government has not forwarded any proposals to the Government of India.

(c) No, Sir, the Government of India's stand is appreciated and shared by the international community.